

ME Post Mortem

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USIB-M-657  
13 December 1973

4. First U. S. Position Paper  
for MC 161/74

(Refs: a. D/DCI/NIO Memorandum  
for USIB dated 29 November 1973;  
b. USIB-M-656, 5 December 1973,  
Item 4)

General Potts reported that in the last few days a number of proposed changes to the MC 161 draft had been received. After intensive effort, DIA had pulled these comments together into the paper circulated only this morning. He said that the final paper was scheduled to be forwarded to the NATO capitals by 11 January. After USIB approval, the paper still required coordination with the JCS. He noted, however, that there was still time to postpone final Board action for a few days; either for telephonic concurrence, or, if necessary, until next week's USIB meeting.

In the course of the extensive discussion which followed, Mr. Colby said that he wished to thank Major General Samuel Wilson of DIA for his commendable efforts in developing the subject paper.

The Board then agreed that final USIB action be postponed; the subject paper will be scheduled for consideration at next week's USIB meeting, unless telephonic concurrence is secured before then.

5. Discussion of Post Mortem  
on Middle East

(USIB-D-15.2/123, 4 December  
1973, Memorandum for USIB  
Principals, special limited  
distribution through restricted  
channels)

See Appendix J below

Pursuant to the discussion at last week's meeting, General Graham said that he had received some comments on the draft Post Mortem including changes suggested by Mr. Colby. General Graham invited additional comment and said that the Post Mortem would be reviewed and changes incorporated where appropriate. General Graham said that he was not aware that any of the Principals had fundamental problems with the paper, but if any of them did have such differences the texts could be submitted and incorporated as annexes to the Post Mortem. He then introduced

[redacted] of the IC Staff who provided a short briefing on the warning process.

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After considerable additional discussion of the various aspects of the Post Mortem and the problems of warning, it was noted that a final version of the subject paper would be published in the near future.



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Executive Secretary

Adjournment: 1215 hours

SECRETARY'S NOTE

Non-Release of Estimates

NIE 11/13/6-73: "Possible  
Changes in the Sino-Soviet  
Relationship"  
(USIB-D-17.8/605, 23 November  
1973)

All USIB members have concurred in the D/DCI/NIO recommendation regarding non-release of the subject estimate. Therefore, no further Board action will be taken and NIE 11/13/6 will not be released to any foreign government.